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To: Federal Communications Commission,
Washington, D.C. (by email)

To whom it may concern,

I'm disturbed by Sinclair Broadcast Group's decision to force their 60+ stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election. Not only is such an action illegal, it breaches the responsibility of fairness that broadcasting companies owe to the American public, and flies in the face of the federal laws that theoretically ensure such fairness.

Sinclair is using public airwaves free of charge, and is therefore obligated by law to serve the public interest. But operating under the umbrella of a large corporation, Sinclair's stations are only presenting what's "good" for the corporate bottom line, and not what listeners deserve as members of a democracy. Instead of presenting the biased, one-sided political agenda of the corporate leadership, Sinclair should present its audiences with a fair balance of substantive news about issues that matter in each community where the company owns stations.

Actions like Sinclair's clearly demonstrate why rules of media ownership need to be strengthened, not weakened -- and never breached without legal consequences! Please ensure that they fulfill their legal obligations.

Thank you.

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